

REMARKS

This application is believed to be in condition for examination in light of the present amendments.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 6, 2006 states that a complete listing of claims is not present, and the claims have not been provided with the proper status identifiers.

The present U.S. application represents the national phase of PCT/IT03/00729. Such international application was originally filed with 14 claims, and amended during the national phase to cancel claims 12-14. Applicants therefore maintain that the Preliminary Amendment as originally filed was entirely correct and in compliance with U.S. laws and regulations.

Notwithstanding, in order expedite prosecution, applicants have cancelled all pending claims and added the original claims renumbered 15-25.

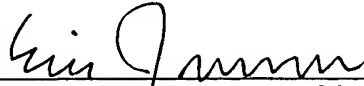
Timely consideration of the present application as to the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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